ച്ചിക്കൊണ്ടോ ഞങ്ങൾക്കായി യാതൊന്നും ചെയ്തു തന്നിട്ടില്ല." May I know whether that statement is true? May I know whether Government have done anything to remedy the grievances represented in this Council?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government bestowed their best attention.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether they have done anything substantial?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, something substantial.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Any actual work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They are contemplating.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know why the answer 'No' is given?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We do not endorse everything given in the question.

Article in the Sathianadam Newspaper.

136. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the article contained in the 'Sathianadam' dated 9th Thulam 1106 under the caption "കൊച്ചി ദിവാൻറെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്: കടലാക്രമണം, ജലമർല്ലഭ്യം" has attracted the notice of the Government;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, have the Government enquired and ascertained the truth of the statement which runs thus:—

ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് കൊച്ചിയുടെ അതുത്തിമുതൽ തെക്കോട്ട് ചെല്ലാനംവരെ രണ്ടുമൂന്ന ദശകങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ അനേകായിരം ഏക്കർ ഭൂമി കടലാക്രമണം നിമിത്തം നശിച്ചുപോകയുണ്ടായി. വളരെ ഫലപുഷ്ടിയുള്ള അനേക ലക്ഷം തെങ്ങുകളും അനേകശതം വിലയേറിയ ഭവനങ്ങളും സമുദ്രരാക്ഷസി വിഴുങ്ങിക്കളഞ്ഞു.

(c) whether there have been any complaints or petitions from the people of those localities requesting the Government to relieve them from the miseries such as referred to above;

(d) if the statements referred to in (b) are true, have the Government done anything so far to put a stop to the sea erosions, and if not, why not;

(e) how many acres of land have been destroyed by sea erosions from British Cochin southwards to the southern extremity of Chellanam within the last 30 years?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The statements are found to be true to some extent.

(c) Yes.

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(d) No money has been spent by the Government for the purpose. The Member is referred to the Press Communique dated 26th May 1921 published in the Cochin Government Gazette dated 15th Edavam 1096.

(e) About 165 acres.

Water supply at Ramavarmapuram.

137. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has solved the problem for the supply of water at Ramavarmapuram where the First Grade College is to be built; if so, what is the scheme in hand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

A copy of the Chief Engineer's report outlining the scheme is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Appendix III.—May I know the exact location of the three tanks in the fields at Villadom from where you propose to get water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot at the present moment inform the House the exact survey numbers.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Roughly?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I can only describe the position. There is a temple at Villadom. Near the temple there is already a tank which is now used for Puncha cultivation.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is the tank that is referred to lower down to be one of the tanks to be utilised for this purpose? Is that tank also to be utilised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Either that tank or near that another tank will be constructed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How far is that from the College?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is 9,600 feet.

Additional District Court at Ernakulam.

138. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any Additional District Court is going to be opened at Ernakulam;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether it is so done on the recommendation of the Chief Court;

(c) when the recommendation, if any, by the Chief Court was received in this connection, and what was the cause of the delay in not acting accordingly till this moment;

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